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Thanks

The head of the Central Intelligence Agency is seldom seen and rarely heard around Capitol Hill, but Adm. William F. Raborn, the CIA chief, telephoned Rep. Cornelius E. Gallagher, D-13th Dist., last week.

Mr. Raborn wanted to thank the Bayonne Democrat for his "effective and factual" remarks in the House in defense of the CIA against charges that its agents in Viet Nam were committing atrocities in an effort to discredit the Viet Cong.

The charge was attributed to Sen. Stephen Young, D-Ohio, just back from a trip to Viet Nam, but Mr. Young, later said he was misquoted.

Before the senator's denial, Mr. Gallagher told the House that the statement was "appalling" and added that "it may be that he (Young) spoke to a Viet Cong disguised as a CIA agent."